

## HE DIES FOR A FEEBLE MAN

**TOUGHS ASSAIL RAUCH, AND A YOUNG  
GOOD CAREER DEFENDS HIM**

**Matuzewski Throats Tough McCann and Is Slashed—He Dies a Few Hours Later in Hospital—Who Slashed Gallagher?**

Richard Matuzewski, the young wood carver who was stabbed in the abdomen in front of the saloon at 330 East Forty-seventh street on Saturday night, died at 2 o'clock yesterday morning in Bellevue Hospital. The affair was

witnessed by John Ball, a painter, of 338 East Forty-seventh street, who gave a graphic account of it when young John McCann, the murderer, and Bigsby McElwain, an accessory, who had been arrested, were arraigned yesterday morning in the Yorkville Court. Both boys—they are but 17—are of the species tough. McCann looks the character more than his side partner, but McElwain has a nickname of the sort popular among toughs, and is known as Bigsby Mac.

Dail was sitting on his stoop about 10 o'clock. Saturday night talking with John Sheehan, a friend of his. He heard a car stop in front of the saloon nearly opposite. He crossed the street just in time to see Mateuszewski interfere in behalf of an old man named Adam Rauh, living at 320 East Forty-seventh street, who was attacked by McCann and Missy Mao. The two came out of the saloon with a hail of beer bottles and tried to hit the old man. He came into him when he feebly resisted. They then turned and ran back toward the saloon, hitting much of the beer bottles on the ground. Mateuszewski strode up to them, saying: "You fellows are yer dogs, will ye old man. Leave him be."

"What's it fer you that we're doin'?" retorted the old man.

"Ye'll soon see. I'll punch yer head if ye don't leave him alone."

"I'll punch my head," said McCann.

Mateuszewski slapped his knee until he saw that the old man, Mateuszewski, being twice as old, was somewhat stronger. McCann returned the blows. Finding he was getting the

"I'm stabbed!" cried Matuzewski, staggering back, while McAnn, before any one could stop him, broke through the crowd and disappeared in the darkness, followed by McElvain, Ball and Sheehan supported Matuzewski to a neighboring drug store, where restoratives were applied until an ambulance came from Bellevue Hospital. When he arrived there it was at once seen that his case was a hopeless one, and a Coroner was summoned to take his

ante-mortem statement.

An hour after the youth's death his murderer, John J. McCann, 30, of 211 West 44th street, was arrested at his home at 339 East Forty-seventh street, and soon afterward McCann was found at his home at 339 East Forty-seventh street. McCann was arrested because the knife with which McCann killed Matuzewski was his. McCann admitted that he had borrowed the knife to protect himself.

"I cut kids in self-defence," he said.

McCann said McCann asked him for the knife before the fracas with Matuzewski because he was afraid of the latter's reputation for stabbing. Matuzewski, and it had not been established at last accounts, McCann and Mecklenburg were taken to the police station in the prison attached to the Yorkville Court.

The call for a coroner to take the ante-mortem examination of the body was not responded to until 11 o'clock yesterday morning, when coroners Schatzke and Messermeier came along the first a few minutes after 11 o'clock, and then the coroner's jury, consisting of Judge and Matthew Gallagher, a young brass worker, living at 52 Second avenue, had been called to the scene of the crime. The coroner's abdomen similar to that which had proved

The man to whose house statement he had been originally summoned before Judge Coroner Schultz heard what Gallagher had to say. It did not much surprise him because he knew was that when he reached his home at about 10 o'clock on the morning following the shooting, he found the place very bloody, and the color of the blood there was as if it were from the wound in his abdomen. The doctor took him to the hospital where he lay until he died. He had no remembrance of having seen anyone else who was connected with a friend shortly before he reached home on the last of Thurs.

"I am glad," he said after telling this, and the doctors believe he will live.

**TWENTY-FIVE HORSES BURNED.**

An Early Morning Fire in Upper Broadway

**Which Looked Dangerous for a While.**  
Pop Botjer keeps the Homestead Beer Garden at 1,641 Broadway. He also leases the block between Fifth and Fifty-first streets. The Homestead is a two-story frame cottage in the middle of the block. There is a glass pavilion in the rear in which there was an orchestra, and an open-air garden on the

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The storm which was in the lower Mississippi Valley yesterday and this in the Northwest joined yesterday, and were central last night in an area covering northern Texas and Kansas, high winds prevailing over the South-West States, and rain falling in the Dakotas, Minnesota, and Nebraska. Decidedly colder weather is to prevail from the Northwest. The temperature at the Northwest station, looking toward the place as low as 40° at Helena. The temperature in the Mississippi Valley was slightly higher.

In the city the day was fair and cool; highest official temperature, 72°; lowest, 50°; average humidity, 68 per cent; wind northwest; average velocity, 38 miles per hour.

The thermometer at Perry's pharmacy in Tullahoma building recorded the temperature yesterday as follows:

	1891	1892	1893	1897	1901
N. A. M.	75	72	3.30 P. M.	84	71
S. A. M.	74	72		77	71
P. M.	76	69	1 P. M.	77	71
	76	68	Mid.	66	66
Average				70	69
Variation Aug. 24, 1891.				70	69

WASHINGTON FORECAST FOR MONDAY.

For New England and western N. York, fair; slight  
drizzle at night.

For District of Columbia, eastern Pennsylvania, New  
Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia, fair; slight  
changes in temperature; with possibly easterly.  
For western N. York, warm on Monday, cooler on  
Tuesday; east winds.

The storm central on Saturday night off the New  
England coast has advanced south off Nova Scotia.  
The storm central off North Dakota has divided, one  
part passing to western Lake Superior, the other being  
forced south west over northern Kansas.

Fair weather, with slight changes in temperature, is indicated for the middle Atlantic and New England states and the lower lake region. Showers will occur in the Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys and along the South Atlantic and Gulf coast. In the middle and lower Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys there will be marked fall in temperature.

**Where Yesterday's Fires Were.**

A. M.—12 15-4 Stone street, Merchants' Building, damage \$10,000; 4:30, 1,641 Broadway, J. J. Botjer, damage \$5,000.

P. M.—6:20, 352 East Thirty-fourth street, M. Harg, damage \$50; 5:30, 322 Third street, David Rosenfeld, damage \$20; 7:30, 137½ Eighth street, New York, damage \$100.

Physical damage slight.

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